

**IV. Remarks**

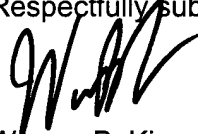
Status of Claims

Claims 1 through 30 are pending. Claim 31 has been withdrawn.

In section II above Applicant has elected with traverse, for prosecution herein, the invention of Group I, claims 1 through 30, drawn to an automatic separator/extractor, classified in class 422, subclass 65.

Inasmuch as all matters set forth in the Office action have been addressed, an early action on the merits is requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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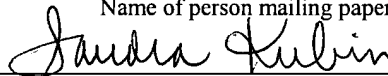
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